

### CAREER SUMMARY

### CHIU.KEAT

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### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

Art Direction

**Brand Evolution** 

**Brand Guidelines** 

**Brand Identity Systems** 

**Brand Strategy** 

**Concept Development** 

**Creative Direction** 

Cross-Functional Collaboration

Design Leadership, Operations, & Research

Design Thinking

Mentorship & Education

**Product Design Systems** 

Team Management

Adobe Creative Cloud

Figma

## EDUCATION & RECOGNITION

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- Award-Winning Senior Design Leader leveraging 10+ years of experience across various globally-known brands, influencing market expansion, collaborating cross-functionally amongst Marketing, Product, and Engineering to execute innovative campaigns and evolve identity systems while enhancing business outcomes
- Brand lead on design taskforce responsible for establishing Etsy's 1<sup>st</sup> extensive brand
  guidelines through leading sprint planning, collaborating with key stakeholders in
  Marketing, Product, Engineering, while managing a sub-team of 2 designers and a
  copywriter, iterated and crafted strategy, product design, brand design, motion design,
  tone of voice, and art direction guidance; evangelized the new identity system across
  the company and integrated into new projects
- Key partner in strategy and design workshops for Etsy Design Awards (the Etsies), Etsy's product listing page, Kickstarter's brand refresh, and Prospect Park Alliance's website redesign
- Led sourcing and art direction of illustrators, photographers, stylists, videographers
  for the Etsies, Halloween, Holiday 2019, and Q1-Q2 2020 global campaigns, including
  concepting and overseeing production of the Etsies' 3D trophy design as well as
  commercial production on press for print projects
- Responsible for expanding Google's product and system icons library, rebranding Google Design community hub (design.google), and ideation on Google's logo refresh
- Wrote syllabi and taught 4 semesters at Parsons School of Design, educating students by
  modeling a professional design environment where students were in groups to redesign
  an identity system for a non-profit of their choice with phases including research, strategy,
  exploration, execution, and implementation, with guest speakers; mentored recent grad
  for 6 months guiding the start of their professional career

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Capsule Design Director, 2020 - Present

- As company's first brand design hire, pioneered foundation of brand design team, ensuring on-brand consistency by establishing design operations and processes, productivity tools like Asana and Google Drive for project management, file naming and organization, as well as weekly meetings between marketing and design to allocate resources and hit deadlines
- Built out a remote brand design team culture by writing job descriptions for mid and senior level brand designer roles, interviewing, and hiring 3 team members, including focusing on their career growth with 1:1s, professional development courses, and coaching; developed team's competency matrix with Head of Design
- Develop and execute on company's nationwide market expansion by collaborating with Marketing, Product, Expansion, and Business Operations teams, including overseeing new pharmacy floor plans and designing city-specific signage, designing pitch collateral to partner with Morgan Stanley, Virtuwell, and Healthfirst, to launching company's 1st national Out of Home campaign in Q3 2021 and Q1 2022 across 12 cities with 250+ assets by building wallscapes, billboards, murals, and bus wraps in only 6 weeks from concept to delivery

### Etsy Art Director/Senior Designer, 2016 – 2020

- Spearheaded as brand lead on design taskforce responsible for establishing Etsy's 1<sup>st</sup> extensive brand guidelines; through leading sprint planning, collaborating with key stakeholders in Marketing, Product, Engineering, and managing a sub-team of 2 designers and a copywriter, iterated and crafted strategy, product, brand, iconography, tone of voice, and art direction guidance; presented new identity system during company-wide All Hands, evangelized new system during meetings, and integrated into new projects
- Promoted to art director in 2018, leading teams and collaborating with marketing and
  product teams on successful design strategy and visual systems for seasonal campaigns
  across the calendar year; sourced, hired, and art directed illustrators, photographers,
  videographers, and stylists for campaigns
- Key partner in strategy and design workshops for the Etsies, working closely with Merchandise, Public Relations, and International teams to create new name and identity system for elevated awards competition, resulting in 2.7B+ global impressions and generating \$28K in GMS for winning shops; Concepted and oversaw production of the Etsies' 3D trophy design
- Partnered with Product leads to devise sprint planning, lead workshops, iterate, and
  use Figma to redesign company's largest template, the product listing page; held user
  research and testing sessions to confirm that updated design was more approachable,
  intuitive, and on-brand with Etsy's values
- Co-lead in a group of 4 within Etsy's employee resource group Asian Resource Community



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### Kickstarter Designer, 2015 - 2016

- Led efforts for company's brand refresh, working closely alongside CCO, CMO, Brand Strategist, and Design team to devise brand strategy; company internally voted on new direction and collaborated with design team on key product flows for website redesign
- Partnered with design director and events coordinators to launch physical experiences
  including Sundance Film Festival 2016's Green Room; to date, nearly 100 Kickstarterfunded films have been official Sundance Film Festival selections and another 100 have
  made it to SXSW; 10 have even been nominated for Academy Awards with 2 being in 2016
  and 1 taking home an Oscar
- Redesigned email template system and implemented with engineer to streamline communications across categories

### Google Designer, 2015

- Instrumental member of the influential Material Design team, evolving and implementing visual language into teams' products across the company and reaching 2.5B active users
- Responsible for expanding Google's product and system icons library, rebranding design.google, and ideation for Google logo refresh

### Champions Design Designer, 2013-2014

- Designated person for digital experiences of all brand refreshes, including information
  architecture, wireframing, user flows, visual design, responsive layouts from mobile to
  desktop; used InvisionApp to present interactions to partners; handed off templates and
  sticker sheets; hired and oversaw developers to build out websites; educated clients on CMS
- Translated Gemological Institute of America's (GIA) website into 1×10 and 16×9 displays
  for new office space in Midtown; researched, strategized, and storyboarded 26 chapters
  of content into engaging and digestible content using motion; oversaw video production
  partner to ensure correct implementation; hired and art directed photographer for
  agency's website
- Responsible for sourcing and hiring print vendors and developers, writing proposals, managing budgets, project management, branding, ideation, execution, and presentation decks for clients of all industries, including Aetna, Columbia Business School, Friends of the High Line, New York Times, GIA, Prospect Park Alliance, Union Theological Seminary

# ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

## CHIU.KEAT Owner, 2011-Current

- In professional practice, utilized experience across a wide range of industries to build rapport within design community; gained reputation for building comprehensive identity systems and evolving brands with a focus on mission-driven and innovative companies
- Designed 320-page fashion tome at Opening Ceremony, designed exhibition spatial
  graphics for the New York Public Library's Midtown location at Pure+Applied, consulted
  on the refreshed iconography system for Atlassian, pitched and designed for real estate
  and hospitality clients at Love&War

### AIGA NY Early Career Mentorship Mentor, 2021-Current

· Mentored 1 recent grad for 6 months, guiding them through professional and personal issues

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